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## Ploghoft speaker hails from Panama

By Katie Luers  
Chief Reporter

Debbie Psychoyos will come from Panama to speak with Northwest students about culture, education and diversity for the Ploghoft Lecture series.

Psychoyos will speak at Northwest at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Charles Johnson Theater.

The series features two speakers each year, one during the fall and one during the spring. Northwest alumni Milton Ploghoft and his wife Zella fund the series. College of Education and Human Services Dean Max Ruhl said.

Debbie Psychoyos

Psychoyos supports strong links between the United States and Panama and promotes education in Panama. She will talk about the current relationship between the United States and Panama to help people understand the situation better, Ruhl said.

He visited Panama with a team to build partnerships with other schools last year. During the trip he met Psychoyos, founder and president of the ProEd Foundation: Panama.

Part of the goal of her lecture is to make students who go overseas more comfortable, he said.

Ruhl, along with the diversity team, made arrangements for Psychoyos to travel to Northwest and talk about what she does as part of the Ploghoft Lecture Series, diversity team leader Carol Tjeerdma said.

"She will share as much as she can about what it's like for kids to grow up in Panama," Ruhl said.

The diversity team sets up both Ploghoft lectures during the school year. Each lecture is aimed at informing people about diversity, Ruhl said.

Five members make up the diversity team including team leader and Northwest instructor Carol Tjeerdma, assistant professor Barbara Crossland, assistant professor Max Fridell, assistant professor Rheba Vetter and assistant professor Jang-Ae Yang. These members come from different areas including education, physical education and family and consumer sciences, Tjeerdma said.

Sometimes the diversity team works with other organizations on campus. For example, the team has worked with International Affairs Director Jeff Foot and the Intercultural and International Center on campus, Tjeerdma said.

The diversity team also works closely with Charles Johnson Theater and the Performing Arts Center to hold the lecture series.

Past lecturers included the first woman principal chief of the Cherokee Nations, Wilma Mankiller and a speaker from California about the Hispanic culture.

## Remembering Roberta

Family reflects on her life and the rumors told about her

By Dominic Genetti  
Project Manager

A brush flies across the room. A radio's volume adjusts when no one is near it.

"That's just Roberta," some campus sorority residents, past and present, will tell you.

Believed to be the ghost of a girl who died following an explosion that sent flames surging through the dormitory that now bears her name and today houses Northwest sororities, Roberta is said to make herself known through odd occurrences.

But Ned Steel does not believe Roberta is a spirit pulling unexplained pranks on sorority girls.

He believes her life was cut short.

Roberta is Ned's baby sister.

"We were more like twins than we were older brother and younger sister," he said. "She was a little livewire. She liked having a lot of fun and she was a very strong church girl."

An energetic, loving young woman with a light complexion, a round freckled-face and red hair accompanied with an upbeat personality, Roberta Steel enrolled at Northwest after graduating from St. Joseph's Central High School in 1950.

She wanted to become a teacher.

"To go to college, that (Maryville) was the closest one," Ned, a Northwest alumnus, said.

Outside of her studies, Roberta got involved in several campus organizations during her freshman year.

She performed with the Septette Singers, Tower Choir and was a member of the Independent Club, an activities organization for men and women not involved with fraternities or sororities.

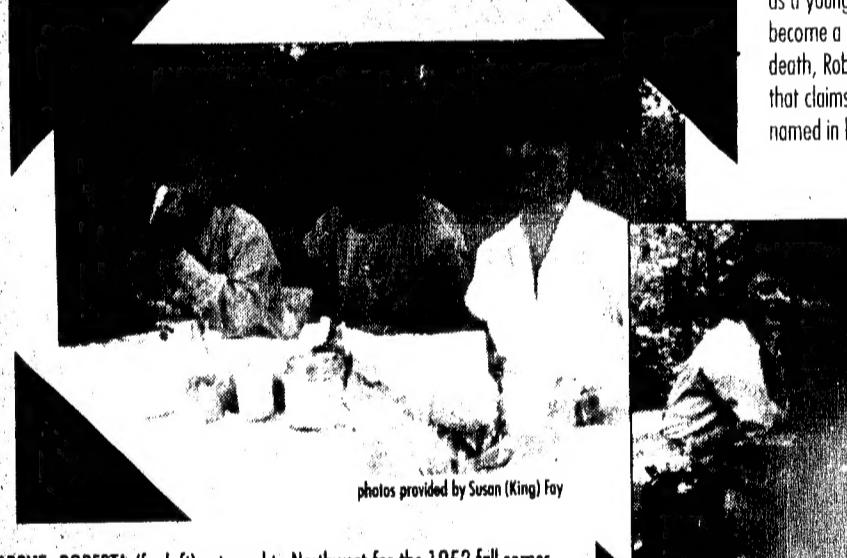
"She not only enjoyed life and did things," Ned said, "she set her goals and went after it."

Committed to succeeding in education, Roberta also joined the Association for Childhood Education.

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NED STEEL REMEMBERS his baby sister as a young woman who had the desire to become a teacher. Following her untimely death, Roberta became the center of rumors that claims she haunts the residence hall named in her honor, much to Ned's dismay.



ABOVE: ROBERTA (far left) returned to Northwest for the 1952 fall semester after she recovered from the explosion. Right: Roberta (front left) was known as a prankster and kept to her ways, even in the hospital.



### ELECTION

Kay Barnes

## Barnes, Graves pay visits to Maryville

By Katie Luers  
Chief Reporter

Congressional candidate Kay Barnes focused on her relationship with northwest Missouri during the Young Democrat meet-and-greet Oct. 3.

Barnes spoke about the economy, energy, health care and foreign policy, showing frustration with the Republican party.

When asked about the economy, she responded with a question.

"How did we get here in the first place?" Barnes asked.

A lack of oversight and regulation by the Republican administration is the cause of the economic problems, Barnes said.

She is not sure how she would have voted on the bailout issue, but was disappointed in the clauses the Senate added when the bill failed in the House, Barnes said.

She talked about her roots in the area to help connect to the voters. Both of her parents grew up in northwest Missouri. In fact, both parents graduated from Northwest, Barnes said.

By Katie Luers  
Chief Reporter

Several Nodaway County residents attended the county's Republican office opening where U.S. Congressman Sam Graves spoke last Thursday.

The office opened in the Robert Rice Law Firm LLC on Main Street.

Graves talked to his constituents about their concerns, including questions about the economy and energy.

He explained how he voted against the bailout bill because of the large expenses and lack of guarantees. The second version of the bill, recently passed by Congress, included \$100 billion in extra projects, Graves said.

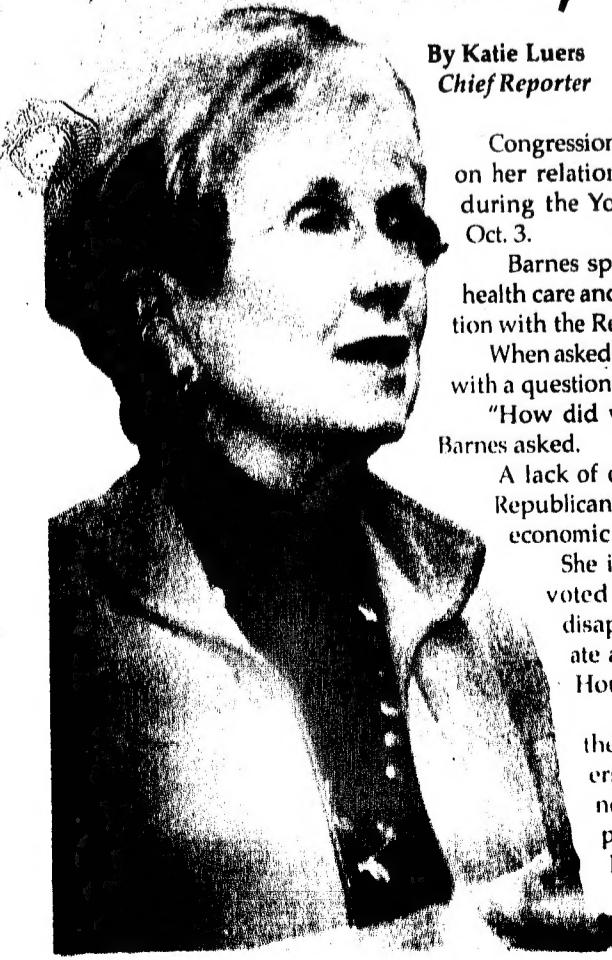
"We may be back to status quo in six months, but we'll be paying for this thing for 20 years," he said.

Graves described the bill as being "nothing but a bailout for Wall Street." The bailout bill did not address the underlying problems of the economy, he said.

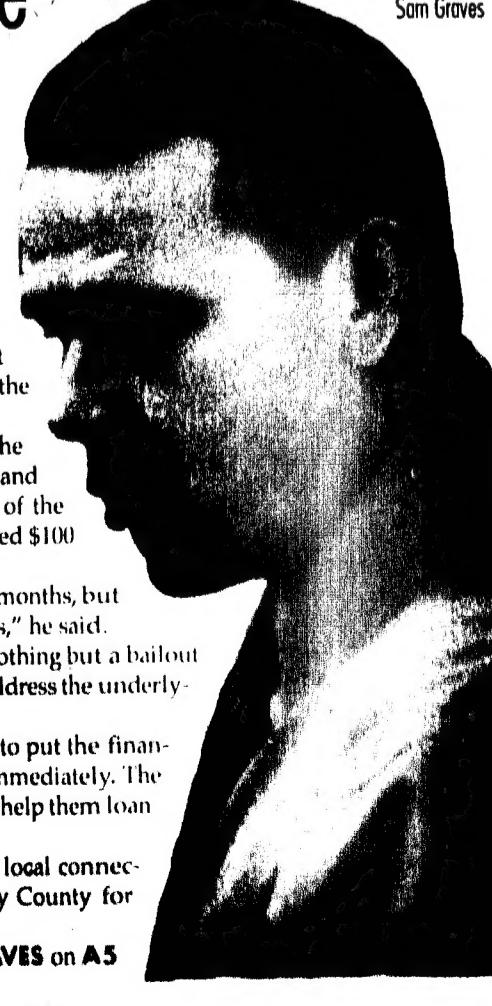
He believes the United States needs to put the financial problems in the hand of the FDIC immediately. The FDIC would then work with the banks to help them loan money again, Graves said.

Graves asserted the fact that he has local connections to the area and relies on Nodaway County for support.

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See BARNES on A5



CAMPUS BRIEFS

Alpha Sigma  
 Lambda accepts  
 new chapter at  
 Northwest

The University has been  
 unanimously accepted into  
 Alpha Sigma Lambda National  
 Honor Society.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a  
 not-for-profit organization for  
 the advancement of scholarship  
 and recognition of nontraditional  
 students who are pursuing  
 higher education.

Northwest has been desig-  
 nated the Xi Alpha Chapter  
 and invite students and faculty  
 candidates membership into  
 the society.

The first induction cere-  
 mony will be held in April. For  
 more information contact Vice  
 President of Student Affairs  
 Jackie Elliott at [jackie@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:jackie@nwmissouri.edu).

**Encore series  
 continues with  
 celebrated pianist**

The University's Encore per-  
 forming arts series will continue  
 with pianist Mac Frampton and  
 the Three Penny Symphony, 7:30  
 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 in the  
 Performing Arts Center.

Frampton is a celebrated  
 pianist and arranger and over  
 the last 20 years his group has  
 played more than 3,000 concerts  
 around the world.

Orchestra seats are \$22 and  
 balcony seats are \$20. Tickets  
 can be purchased from 8 a.m.  
 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through  
 Friday at the Student Services  
 Center, or by calling (660) 562-  
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# CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**Author to discuss writing process,  
 read from new book next week**

By Shane Sherwood  
 Senior Reporter

Sometimes setting up a speaker  
 is really just as easy as talking to  
 them at a conference.

Author Darren DeFrain will  
 read from his new collection of  
 short stories at 7 p.m. Wednesday  
 in the J.W. Jones Student Union  
 Ballroom as part of the Visiting Writers Series  
 at Northwest.

Assistant Professor John Gallaher  
 attended graduate school at Texas State  
 University with DeFrain. Fifteen years  
 passed, and they met again at a confer-  
 ence.

DeFrain holds a doctorate in creative  
 writing from Western Michigan University.  
 He directs the Fine Arts masters program at Wichita  
 State University.

"I want people to see new views in con-  
 temporary fiction," he said.

DeFrain's first book, "The Salt Palace," was published in  
 2005. It was included on several national  
 periodicals' best novels lists of 2005, including  
 "The Kansas City Star."

Many of his essays  
 and poems are published in many  
 literary journals and publications.

The Visiting Writers Series  
 is fully sponsored by Kawasaki,

Gallaher said.

"Kawasaki has brought light to  
 Northwest," Gallaher said. "Without  
 the grant they give us for the  
 series, there would be no money

for the reading, DeFrain will  
 also discuss the process of writing  
 as well as read from his new book  
 and answer questions, he said.

Recently, Gallaher's poem "In the  
 book of the Disappearing  
 Book" was read by John Ashbery at  
 the "Best American Poetry 2008" even-

ing in New York City. Ashbery is a highly  
 respected and influential American  
 poet, Gallaher said.

"He's a poet that I greatly admire,"  
 Gallaher said, adding Ashbery's reading  
 came as a surprise. "It was freakish.  
 My wife found it on YouTube and told  
 me about it."

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 he said. He will also critique the No  
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Gallaher co-edits the Laurel  
 Review, a literary magazine published  
 by Northwest's Green Tower Press.

His third book of poetry, "Map of  
 the Folded World," will be released in  
 February.

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Darren DeFrain



John Gallaher

"I will discuss the idiosyncratic (one thing from one person)  
 first person voice," DeFrain said.  
 "My new book is comprised of 11  
 short stories told in the first person  
 point of view. They mainly deal with  
 host any more writers."

The series helps bring new  
 perspectives to students other  
 than writers from Maryville, he  
 said.

"It means so much to our students  
 for other authors to come and talk to them," Gallaher said.

The series is used to help  
 answer students' questions.

Most people stop learning  
 about art or literature after elementary  
 and high school, he said. Art and literature education  
 is important in all aspects.

"The (Visiting) Writers Series  
 helps humanize the whole situation," he said. "No one is tested  
 over the visiting writer. It's not about tests. Allowing people the  
 experience of art is deeply educational.  
 It's great to be able to experience art live through books."

For any aspiring writer,  
 DeFrain said to stick with writing  
 and to never give up.

"There will be many detractors  
 who will look for the deficiency in  
 your writing," DeFrain said. "You have to be open to criticism but  
 have that quiet inner confidence  
 most writers have."

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 neutering, worming, rabies vaccination,  
 a microchip implant in case a dog is lost, a bag of Science Diet  
 dog food and training information.

On moving to Maryville, "I chose  
 Maryville because of the people,"  
 Hill said.

He views Maryville as a smaller  
 market, and he likes that. Even with  
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OUR VIEW

## Volunteers make useful resources during election

They give up their free afternoons, evenings and weekends to walk their neighborhood streets, knocking on the doors of strangers to discuss politics.

They sit at a table in the Union, desperately trying to get your attention as they attempt to register you to vote.

They lick envelopes, canvass and phone bank. True, they usually have a bit of an agenda, a candidate or a cause they want to persuade you to believe in, but many stay more or less unbiased. Many just want to fill you with the same excitement and urgency they feel.

Drop by a campaign headquarters here in town, or an issues headquarters if you find yourself in a larger city, and you will find palpable anticipation. An awful lot of young people sacrifice their time, talents and/or money in this election, and it's important to know why.

It would be easy to believe the cynic's voice they don't care about our future. They're in it for personal gain or just to state their own point of view. This might be true for a lot of the faces you see on TV. It's not hard to believe the senators and congressmen are in it for the fame, influence or reelection.

The volunteers you meet may not agree with your views, but you cannot deny they believe in their causes, and they work hard for the future of our nation. If only such enthusiasm were contagious.

It's not enough to register. The next step is to inform yourself. These volunteers can be a great resource. Ask one of them why they support their candidate or their cause. They probably know a lot about it and would be happy to talk to you.

It doesn't mean you have to believe them, but opening yourself up to an opposing view can be a wonderful opportunity. Not only will you find out about another point of view, but it can also help strengthen your own previously held opinions. Either way, you emerge better informed.

Once you've decided whom you support, actually get out there and support them. It doesn't take a lot. If you don't feel comfortable, start out small. Work in the headquarters and work your way up to the more uncomfortable tasks of canvassing or phone banking.

Getting registered really is only the first step, and voting is not the second. Getting informed, deciding for whom and what to vote and spending your time to inform others are some other vital steps.

You are only one voice, and only one vote. If you want to make your vote count, band together with others who feel the same way. Safety in numbers is not an outdated phrase.

Whining on Nov. 5 that your candidate did not win will not be accepted if you sat at home all month and let others talk. Getting your voice out there needs to be as high a priority as getting out the vote.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am very disappointed in our representative, Sam Graves. Graves claims in his radio ads that Kay Barnes is out of touch with the area, and that she is putting the value of others ahead of the values of northwest Missouri. Additionally, Graves asserts that he was born and raised in this area and has strong ties to the community.

Despite his claims, Graves has refused to come to Northwest for any sort of formal visit. He has been invited to a candidate's forum co-sponsored by a variety of student organizations and yet refuses to attend. If Graves has such strong ties to the community, why doesn't he show them by visiting?

Kay Barnes has made an effort to visit the school; her most recent visit was on Oct. 3, 2008. In such an exciting political year, with so many important issues on the table for all candidates, I feel that Sam is doing a disservice to his community by refusing to speak with such a large portion of his constituency.

Graves was Maryville recently to help open the Republican headquarters in town. However, he refused to drive the extra tenth of a mile to visit the campus. To my knowledge Graves has not been on the Northwest campus for a formal conversation with students and faculty for close to a decade. Many students, myself included would like to hear from all sides of the political spectrum so that we can make an educated decision regarding our vote. By refusing to visit Northwest, Graves is depriving us of that opportunity.

Andrew Dufour  
Senior

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### CAMPUS TALK

#### What effect has text messaging had on our society?



"It makes things faster and easier."



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"Texting has made communication more readily available."



"I don't even call people anymore."



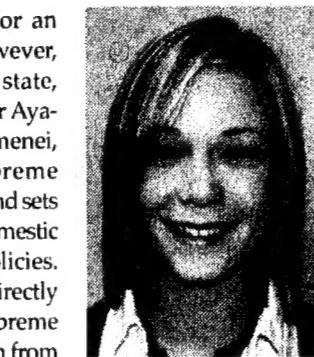
"It takes away from people talking to each other. It's making conversation impersonal."

### OPINION



### MY VIEW

#### Iran's presidential election will also have big impact



Kathleen Wilmes  
Contributing Columnist

The world has been drawn to Iran for some time now and most definitely as of late with concerns to the 5+1 nuclear talks with Iran (UN Security Council's permanent five members- China, Russia, France, United States and Great Britain- plus Germany).

However, one area that does have and will have a major impact on this, is that is seldom discussed, is the upcoming Iranian presidential election, taking place in June 2009.

But before I go into this, let's take a quick step back and briefly review a condensed version of the structure of government in Iran, which is extremely confusing and made very misleading by mainstream media.

Iran was declared an Islamic republic in 1979 after the revolution that removed the oppressive shah from power (whom the United States put into power despite Iran's attempts at democracy and liberalization). Although Iran formed a theocratic system of government in 1979, it was still created on a parliamentary base.

First, there is the head of state, which in most systems of government would denote a figure head with little power (take the Queen of Iran).

The powers of the Supreme Leader are vast and encompass virtually all areas of Iranian government. Three main powers I wish to point out include commander-in-chief of the armed forces (he is the only one who can declare war); the power to appoint members of the judiciary and Council of Guardians, which is the body that oversees Parliament; and determines whether or not the laws passed are compatible with Islamic law.

Third, the Iranian parliament is directly elected by the people and is unicameral, meaning one chamber. The parliament formulates legislation, although supervised by the Council of Guardians (six of the 12 members are appointed by the Supreme Leader).

Second, there is the head of government, which in most systems of government would signify the one who makes key policy decisions.

The current Iranian head of government, President Ahmadinejad, is the face the media paints on Iran. However, despite his high public profile, the presidential powers in Iran are severely limited by the constitution, mainly speaking of the Supreme Leader.

The Iranian president is directly elected by the people of Iran and can hold two consecutive terms of four years, as well as another nonconsecutive term, and his powers mainly deal with the economic policies and his party.

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# Once upon a txt ...

Faculty member enters unique story contest

By Sean Callahan  
Missourian Reporter

She pushed the "send" button on her phone, and the last part of her story was delivered. Weeks later, that same phone started to ring, delivering the good news. She was a finalist.

Lauran Leach-Steffens, an associate professor in Northwest's Family and Consumer Science Department, entered the Newtree chocolate company's "Txt Am. Txt Str" contest in August. She submitted a 216-word story, a process taking 12 text messages to complete due to the limited number of characters allowed in a message.

The grand prize is an iPhone and a year's supply of chocolate. Leach-Steffens already owns an iPhone, but said she worked out a deal with her husband, Richard.

The story's plot revolves around a misunderstanding in which a man assumes the worst after the woman he loves asks for forgiveness. In the end, he finds her source of guilt is far less sinister.

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similar to the one in her story.

"We're still practically newlyweds. When you're a newlywed, sometimes a conversation can go bizarrely wrong," she said.

Leach-Steffens uses text messages to communicate with Richard and a few friends, but said she sticks mostly to e-mail.

"I probably don't text as much as the average 20-year-old," she said.

Newtree required entries to include the names of all 11 of their chocolates, such as "Rejoice" and "Pleasure".

"Forgiveness" proved most difficult for Leach-Steffens to use initially, but formed a foundation for her plot once she found a place for it, she said.

"I always thought I could write a really good television commercial, and I'd love to write a romance novel," she said.

Voting for the People's Choice Award took place on Newtree's Web site and ended last Friday. The contestant receiving the most votes will win a \$50 iTunes gift card and a chocolate gift pack. The company was originally scheduled to announce the grand prize and People's Choice Award winners Monday, but hadn't done so as of press time on Wednesday.

It took some work to do each entry as opposed to just signing up for a contest. We were really happy with the entries that came in," Cooper said.

The grand prize contest will be judged by Newtree CEO Louis Brouillet, Bon Appétit columnist Molly Wizenberg and pastry chef Pichet Ong.

Leach-Steffens feels confident about her entry's chances.

"I'm biased, but I like mine the best," she said.

Leach-Steffens teaches Resource Management courses in the Family and Consumer Science Department. She started teaching at Northwest in fall of 1998.

This would be her first win in a writing contest, but she is already looking for more opportunities to write creatively, Fay said.

"It was kind of touch and go in the very beginning with Roberta," Ned said. "She touched out. She stayed kind of upbeat through all of it, she's a tough little soldier."

Treatment for Roberta and other burn victims was a new drug, cortisone. Despite the unknown side effects, Roberta's parents decided to go with it.

"You got a kid that's burned bad and infection's a big problem and the doctors say 'We have a new drug,' you say 'Go for it,'" Ned said.

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The semester progressed, but by Thanksgiving, Roberta was in the hospital again.

"She was not doing very good and the doctors put her back in the hospital," Ned said. "I thought she'd come out of it."

He wanted to help, but all Ned could do was watch his sister get worse.

"You watch," he said. "There's nothing you can do."

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# My sister, my cousin

Roberta known for her involvement, personality and friendship

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informed his parents of the explosion. By morning they made their way to Maryville.

Ned remembers seeing Roberta at the hospital.

"She was really burned bad, she was just covered with bandages," he said. "My mother ... she was a nervous wreck, she just came unglued."

Roberta suffered severe burns to areas of her face and upper body. Ned can't remember how much, but Fay suffered second-degree burns on one side of her body.

"She liked to pull pranks on people," Fay said, "and she was just a fun little girl."

As good as things were, everything came to a tragic halt in one night, April 28, 1951. It was a night that changed Ned and Fay's life forever.

A gas tank owned by St. Joseph Light and Power, located just a few yards behind Residence Hall on the Wabash train tracks, exploded, sending flames into the dormitory.

Fay, Roberta and friends just returned from a night out. The group gathered in Roberta's room to socialize.

"There were four of us in the room," Fay said. "It was after dates and things."

Suddenly, the tank exploded.

"This fireball came in," Fay recalls. "There was lots of debris in the hall, but we just felt our way out."

Just as the tank exploded, Roberta walked across the room. She wasn't in the shower as other publicized reports may claim.

"She had gotten up and was going to the bathroom," Ned said. "That ball of fire hit that window just as she walked by."

"They got a little toy mouse and put it on a string," Ned remembers.

The girls gave the string a tug when hospital staff walked by.

Meanwhile, Ned was arguing with his mother, Ella. He thought she should sue St. Joseph Light and Power.

"But she didn't do that," he said. "The college's insurance paid for the hospital bills. They didn't cover all the medication and that's all my mother ever got was that the bills were paid."

Within weeks, Roberta got out of the critical stage

and eventually improved enough to go home.

"She had a positive attitude about it," Ned said.

"She was not bitter, she did not hold a grudge against anybody or say 'why.'"

In no time Roberta was back to her old routines. She returned to work with kids at the YWCA and summer camps until it was time to go back to Northwest, but the doctors didn't think it was a good idea.

"They didn't think she was ready," Ned said.

Roberta's skin had a yellowish tint as a result of the treatments for her injuries.

"They didn't know what was wrong and they didn't want her to go back to school," Ned said.

But Roberta didn't take "no" for an answer.

"She could be very firm," Ned said. "We've been all that way; my older sister (Carolyn), myself, we don't want to go for an answer we've got."

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"I thought that was a very nice thing," Ned said. "It's a very good memorial to my little sister."

The women's dormitory was officially renamed Roberta Hall when classes began for the 1961-62 school year.

Strange things apparently started occurring. A piano playing from the basement in the middle of the night, lights turning on and off and picture falling off the wall are just some of the things reported in Roberta Hall over the years.

Residents began saying Roberta's ghost was becoming. The rumors, spread and Roberta became a campus legend.

Internet search engines reveal published reports proclaiming Northwest is haunted by Roberta's spirit. Ned, however, is bitter about them.

"I don't like it," he said clutching his teeth. "I don't think anybody's spirit is in that building. I think there's material goods in that building that holds it up and together; concrete brick, that's in the building."

Believing in any kind of spirits, Ned says is a waste of time.

"I think anybody that spends their time dwelling on why the radio comes on or goes off in Roberta Hall doesn't have much value for their time," Ned said. "I don't know that my sister is popular, I don't know that building is popular, it's just there and it has my sister's name."

Roberta never graduated, never married and never had a family of her own. With her death, Ned feels part of his life is lost.

"I've lost a lot of years with her," he said "and who knows, maybe little nieces and nephews, that never happened. That's a part of me that's taken away, that's gone."

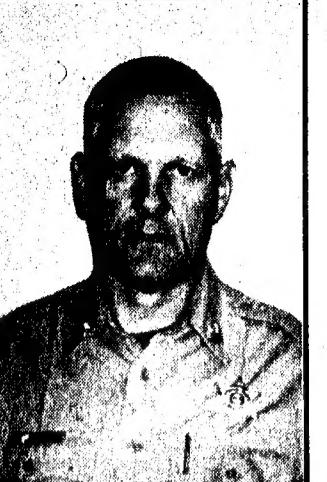
Fay not only misses the family connection, but the friendship as well.

"I just wonder how much we've been together through the years and enjoyed each other's families," she said.

She'll always be memorialized at Northwest, with a residence hall, but Ned found his own way to honor Roberta. He named his daughter after his late sister.

"She was a cute little bitty thing," Ned said. "I just looked at her and thought of Roberta."

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# Top 3 picks

By Jennifer Herron  
Missouri Reporter

New on the shelves: "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks was released Sept. 30. U.S. Marine, Logan Thibault, finds a forgotten photo in the sand on a beach in Iraq. The picture of a beautiful girl at a fair in an undisclosed location is simply signed "From E." The picture seems to bring luck to Thibault, who finds himself suddenly winning poker games and survives a battle that claims two close comrades. Lives Thibault goes in search of the girl when he returns to the states, using clues in the background of the photo as a map. The reader goes instantly close with the soft-hearted Marine, as well as another character, Elizabeth, a single mom from North Carolina. Sparks is no stranger to page-turners and this account of two people and the paths that connect their hearts is no exception.

Festive DVD being re-released: It's the 30th anniversary of "Halloween."

Fans of the slasher series can celebrate this week with the release "Halloween: 30th Anniversary Collection," which was released on Tuesday. The collection includes the original 1978 restored version, "Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers," (1988), "Halloween 5: Revenge Of Michael Myers" (1989) and "Halloween: 25 Years of Terror." (2006) The box set, \$89.97, comes with a Michael Myers mask. To those who love these movies, don't celebrate Halloween without it.

New in theaters: "Sex Drive" with James Marsden ("27 Dresses," "Hairspray") and Josh Zuckerman ("CSI: Miami," fifth season) hits theaters tomorrow. "American Pie" meets "Road Trip" in this R-rated flick. Zuckerman plays a virgin nerd who falls in love with a blonde over the Internet. He takes two buddies along with him as he goes in search of his nerd. Raunchiness and hilarity ensue. The king of cameos, Seth Green, plays Ezekiel, an Amish man with a love for hot rods.

STROLLER

## Your Man h8s txt msgs, not lol

Due to the lack of usage, Your Man predicts all speakers will be removed from cell phones in the coming years.

Honestly, how many people do you see actually using the devices for calls anymore? That's right, very few are hitting the keys to dial a number, which would eventually lead them to a human voice. Instead, everyone and their mothers are pounding the keys with a different intention — texting.

This form of communication is slowly diminishing any social skills our society might have left, and it doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon.

It's hard to go anywhere and not see someone tapping away on their fancy phones they bought specifically for texting purposes. What's really annoying, however, is when they can't tear themselves away when they are actually engaging in a face-to-face conversation with someone.

There is nothing more aggravating than when someone starts texting mid-conversation. I understand if they say something along the lines of "excuse me, but I need to check this really fast," or other polite remarks, but to just keep tapping away while giving the occasional nod and "uh-huh" response is a breakup.

What really confuses Your Man about this situation is the fact someone is really that stupid. How one person can be so low, and break up with someone via text message is really something to ponder and cuss.

If this is really what our society has in store for this generation and generations to come, we're screwed.



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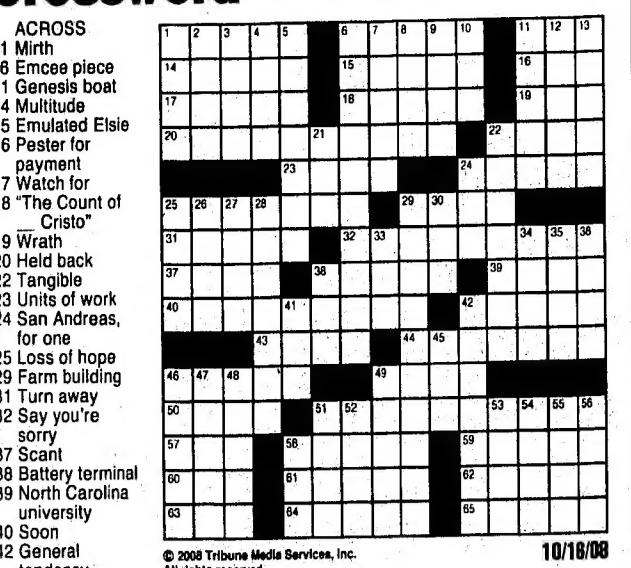
about his recent breakup. Things had been somewhat rocky for the couple for a few days, when suddenly, a lovely text went off indicating a received text. Instead of the typical, "Hey, what's up?" text they were expecting, it was a breakup — in textual form.

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## Crossword



# THE EXTRA POINT

## Pro wrestling makes use of great athletes

Professional wrestling may not be a real sport, but no one can deny the business is full of the world's greatest athletes.

The world of professional wrestling features Olympic gold medalists, college athletes, world's strongest man champions and other professional athletes who jump the barrier into pro wrestling.

Professional athletes like Dennis Rodman, Karl Malone, Adam "Pacman" Jones, Mike Tyson and Floyd Mayweather have all played roles in pro wrestling.

I can't think of many athletes

from other sports who can lift a man their size or larger, and then proceed to throw the other man eight feet and through a table. The same guy could turn around and jump over a man his size and continue to do this for up to an hour.

However, the most impressive attribute of wrestlers are their tolerance to pain. Most perform five to seven days a week all year long when professional football players only play once a week for 16 weeks. It is not uncommon to see wrestlers jump from 20 feet in the air and land on their backs and jump up to continue the match. They will also willingly accept blows to their bodies from weapons ranging from chairs to vehicles. Wrestlers also

continue to perform day in and day out with broken bones and countless other injuries, which you will not see in any actual sport.

There is no denying these people are the best athletes in the world.

I may be a wrestling fan, but I am not ignorant enough to think this is real. The athletes practice and rehearse everything they are doing to ensure their safety the best they can. Many punches and kicks don't actually make contact and many of the cuts are not genuine.

If someone wanted to watch a display of pure athleticism, which could not be seen on ESPN, tuning in to watch the WWE would be worth the time.

There are also many former D-1

## SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

### Marc's picks

#### Prediction record (15-12)

#### NCAA Lock

#### Florida Int. at Troy — Troy

I'm going to take a little out of left field with this one. I must admit I know absolutely nothing about either team. If John Elway's clone is quarterbacking Florida International I wouldn't know it, but Troy's a pretty big favorite.

#### NCAA Upset

Miss. St. at Tennessee — Miss. St. In case no one's heard, I hate Phil Fulmer. He's the worst coach in college football, and I just know he'll find a way to lose for me this weekend. The Vols are so bad he's might be fired at halftime.

#### NFL Lock

NY Jets at Oakland — NY Jets I'm not sold on Al Davis, James Russell or anything Oakland Raiders related. That franchise is in ruins, and they have the Crypt Keeper Al Davis to thank. I won't pick them to win again this season.

#### NFL Upset

Baltimore at Miami — Baltimore If the Raven's offense can just find a way to move the ball a little, they can take down the Dolphins. I don't think the stout Raven defense will let the Wildcats beat them.

#### NFL Upset

Minnesota at Chi-town — Vikings Last to make NFL picks and not a whole lot out there for upsets. When all else fails, always pick against Dustin.

#### NFL Upset

Denver at New England — Den. With Laurence Maroney questionable, it puts more stress on Matt Cassel to make plays. Despite the fact he has Randy Moss at his disposal, I'm giving the edge to Denver's trio of Cutler, Royal and Marshall.

### Woody's picks

#### Prediction record (13-15)

#### NCAA Lock

#### Nebraska at Iowa St. — Big Red

I am nervous about picking this game because everyone I pick Nebraska they lose, but I truly think this is the safest lock of the week. NU finally got some positive motivation against Texas Tech, hopefully they take advantage of it.

#### NCAA Upset

Kansas State at Colorado — K. St. This is going to be a great game. This is biased though, I hate CU. The Buffs might be a better team, but I think Josh Freeman leads the Cats past those Bevo freaks.

#### NFL Lock

#### Indianapolis at Green Bay — Indy

I was joking with a friend who is a big Colan, saying Eli is the better Manning bro now. After watching him last week, he might still have a little learning to do. Peyton has been struggling but will get it done against the Pack.

#### NFL Upset

#### Baltimore at Miami — Baltimore

If the Raven's offense can just find a way to move the ball a little, they can take down the Dolphins. I don't think the stout Raven defense will let the Wildcats beat them.

#### NFL Upset

#### Denver at New England — Den.

With Laurence Maroney questionable, it puts more stress on Matt Cassel to make plays. Despite the fact he has Randy Moss at his disposal, I'm giving the edge to Denver's trio of Cutler, Royal and Marshall.

### Dustin's picks

#### Prediction record (15-13)

#### NCAA Lock

#### LSU at South Carolina — LSU

LSU lost in the swamp to a great Florida team but this week when they travel to South Carolina they are coming home with a win. Steve Spurrier's Gamecocks won't be able to keep the Tigers under control.

#### NCAA Upset

#### Wisconsin at Iowa — Wisconsin

The Badgers started off the season ranked high in the polls so that tells me they have some talent. I'm not a Big Ten fan so I can't say I know a whole about either team so I'm just picking.

#### NFL Lock

#### Minn. at Chicago — Chicago

The Vikings needed a field goal to come back and beat the Lions last week. There will be a great warm up to watch Missouri at Texas.

#### NFL Lock

#### Saints at Panthers — Carolina

The Saints' offense got rolling against the Lions, but so what?

#### NFL Upset

#### New Orleans at Carolina — N.O.

The Reggie Bush show and the Saints are high powered and find ways to make plays. The Panthers were nearly shut out by the Bucs last week and the Saints nearly shut out the Raiders, it's simple math.

#### NFL Upset

#### Titans at Chiefs, CBS, noon — I'm ready to see the Chiefs play after their bye week. Who knows, maybe they found some way to turn things around.

#### NFL Upset

#### Giants at Oklahoma, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — I get to watch Oklahoma get back on their feet after their loss to Texas last week. Plus, this game will be a great warm up to watch Missouri at Texas.

#### NFL Upset

#### Dallas at New England — Den.

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#### NFL Upset

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## WHAT TO WATCH

### Marc's TV picks

#### Saturday

• Mississippi at Alabama, CBS, 2:30 p.m. — Ole Miss already pulled the upset on Florida maybe they'll do it again on Nick Saban. I sure hope so.

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Sunday

• Indy at Green Bay, CBS, 3:15 — This should be an exciting game. In all honesty, I might still be asleep at this time.

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Monday

• Nebraska at Iowa State, Versus, 11:30 a.m. — Bo-Pelini and the Huskers give us fans something last week we haven't felt in a while... hope.

#### Days rating (5 of 5)

#### Tuesday

• PBA Chris Paul Celebrity Doubles Invitational, ESPN, noon — I was on the bowling team in high school and everyone says it isn't a real sport.

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Wednesday

• Missouri vs. Texas, ABC, 7:15 p.m. — We'll see if Pinkell finally implements a two-back set to score from inside the one-yard line.

#### Days rating (4 of 5)

#### Thursday



# NWMISSOURIAN SPORTS

## MHS FOOTBALL

### 'Hounds face Trenton in districts

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

Led by defense and an unexpected star, Maryville defeated Savannah 21-0 in the inaugural Highway 71 Showdown, and will now prepare for high school football's second season.

Senior fullback Wyatt Maudlin set the tone for the 'Hounds offensively with a series of dive plays up the middle.

"In the second half, they rolled both safeties up on the outside and

we thought 'well, we're not going to beat them around the edge, so why not just keep running with Maudlin,'" Maryville head coach Chris Holt said.

Maudlin capped the 'Hounds' first drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

Maudlin finished with 84 yards and two rushing touchdowns.

The 'Hounds turned the ball over three times as they produced their lowest point total of the season.

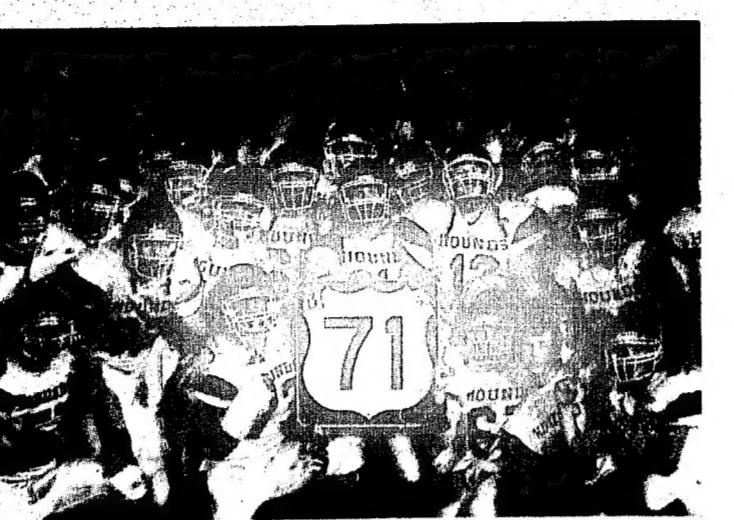
Last year the 'Hounds' only loss came in districts and prevented Maryville from making the playoffs.

"We're trying to keep up with what they did last year," Maudlin said. "We're more determined to go all the way this year than we were last year."

Maryville plays Trenton for its first district matchup. Trenton started the year 1-3, but has won three-in-a-row to improve to 4-3.

"We really need to come in and control up front," Holt said. "They are a young team so we need to impose our will early."

The 'Hounds play Trenton at 7 p.m. Friday in Maryville.



THE SPOOFHOUND FOOTBALL team celebrates its victory in the first Highway 71 Showdown Friday night. The Spooftounds shutout the Savages 21-0 in Savannah.

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## SPOTLIGHT



BEARCAT FOOTBALL COACH Mel Tjerdtsma can recall with great detail memories of his 1998 national championship season. The 'Cats of '98 were the first Division II team to go 15-0, a stark contrast to the 0-11 season of four years before.

photo by Seth Cook | chief photographer  
photo illustration by Courtney Edwards | design editor

## Celebrate '98

A look back at the unique nature of the 1998 national champs

By Marcus Meade  
Sports Editor

"Florence or bust" was their motto, stamped on the back of their team T-shirts, spoken from the lips of their team leaders, burned into the brains of the 1998 Bearcat football team.

And why not? Why not be bold? They'd been so close before.

"Our seniors that year (1996), they were devastated, because they really believed they were going to win a national championship in '96," head coach Mel Tjerdtsma said. "That sent a real loud message to me that we were going in the right direction because they believed they could do it."

Losing to Northern Colorado, the eventual national champion in 1996 and 1997, in playoffs caused the team to set such a hard line at the beginning of 1998.

A national championship was all they cared about, former quarterback Chris Greisen said. Even after avenging their loss by steam rolling the Bears 42-17 in front of a home crowd, the team remained

focused, refusing to celebrate early when its goal hadn't been met.

"I think the greatest thing with the '98 team was we were so focused on winning the national championship," Greisen said. "So, when we beat Northern Colorado, we celebrated a little and then moved on to Texas A&M-Kingsville."

After handling Northern Colorado, the 'Cats faced Texas A&M-Kingsville in the semi-finals, a team Tjerdtsma said might be the most talented team he's ever seen at the Division II level.

Texas A&M-Kingsville may have been more talented, but Northwest was the better team, and 'Cat fans spent Dec. 5 1998 dividing up pieces of the first goal post torn down at Rickenbrode Stadium.

"I can still remember those goal posts coming down for the first time here," defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick said. "They weren't very good, so they came down pretty quick. That was awesome to see ... I've still got a piece of it here in my office."

A large part of the 'Cats' success in 1998 has to do with coaches like Bostwick,

former offensive line coach Bart Tatum and former offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda, Greisen said.

Not only did those coaches bring new schemes and attitudes to a losing program, they also recruited talented players to play for a team that went 0-11 in 1994.

Greisen and former safety Brian Sutton were both recruited before Northwest showed signs of righting the ship. Both survived through the 0-11 1994 season as freshmen.

"It's hard and you got told 'no' a bunch then," Bostwick said of recruiting for a losing program. "When we first got here, we'd recruit five (players) to get one. Now, it's two (players) to get one."

With all the pieces in place, in what Greisen describes as a sort of divine giving together, the stage was set for Northwest's first national championship football game.

It was cold. It was raining, but it didn't matter. The Northwest defense held the powerful Carson Newman rushing attack.

See CHAMPS on A11

## NW SOCCER

### Soccer team seeks first ever win against Truman, revenge for Washburn loss

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

The Northwest soccer team begins a three-game home stretch tonight, after last weekend's road trip left it winless.

The Bearcats tied one game and lost another this past week in trips to Emporia and Washburn.

Freshman midfielder Kelly Obley scored the 'Cats' only goal of the weekend. Obley scored in the 74th minute against Emporia to tie the game at 1-1. The goal was the first of Obley's NCAA career.

"It was really exciting, especially being down and knowing that I just gave our team another chance to win the game," Obley said.

The 'Cats 1-0 deficit at halftime of the Emporia game was the first time Northwest has trailed at half-time this season.

Northwest out-shot Emporia 7-to-1 in overtime Saturday, but failed to score during that time.

The Bearcats have regularly out-shot their opponents this season. They have a combined 98-to-63 shots-on-goal advantage over their opponents, but like Saturday, it hasn't always meant more points.

"Basically, we need to make better decisions around the net," head coach Tracy Hoza said. "They work very hard, but they need to make better decisions for the final shot."

Northwest begins a three-game home stretch tonight against No. 25 Truman after playing just three home games in the last month.

"It's great. I think we play a lot better at home just like everyone does," Obley said.

The 'Cats are undefeated at Bearcat Pitch through five games this year. Missouri Western did force a tie there, but Northwest also defeated No. 4 Nebraska Omaha in Maryville.

Truman outlasted the 'Cats in their Sept. 11 meeting in Kirksville. Truman midfielder Megan Buri scored at the 10-minute mark of the second half to lift the Bulldogs past the Bearcats.

"We just need to pass the ball more, and play our game," Obley said. "We need to slow it down, work the ball around the field more and just work on finishing. If we do that we'll be good."

Truman enters the rematch at 9-3-1 but has one just once in their last five games.

Truman holds a 15-0 series lead over the Bearcats.

Northwest also hosts a rematch with Washburn this weekend.

Washburn beat the 'Cats last Thursday 3-0, and followed that up with a 4-3 win over Nebraska-Omaha to increase its winning streak to four games. The 3-0 loss was the worst loss the 'Cats have suffered this season.

"We have to play better as a team," Hoza said. "Washburn wasn't a good game, and we didn't play well as a team."

The 'Cats play Truman at 4 p.m. tonight at Bearcat Pitch, and host Washburn at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bearcat Pitch.

## MIDNIGHT MADNESS

### Men's, women's basketball bring madness to 'Cat fans

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

On Tuesday night, more than 1,000 fans packed Bearcat Arena to meet the 2007-2008 Northwest men's and women's basketball teams, and a chance to win a new car.

A dance off between the men's and women's teams highlighted the evening.

The men stole the show from last year's champions. They got the crowd involved with a mix including "Pop, Lock and Drop it" by Huey, and C&C Music Factory's "Everybody Dance Now." A roaring ovation from the crowd decided the winners of the contest.

Northwest senior forward Hunter Henry had the biggest night out of anyone in the arena.

After the men's team won the dance contest, Henry won the slam-dunk contest, which came down to Henry against sophomore forward Elijah Allen.

"It's just fun, it really is," Henry said. "It's good to get the fans out here and introduce them to the new guys, especially this year because we have so many new guys. It's just supposed to be fun, and I think we had a pretty good time out there, and nobody got hurt."

The event also held a raffle to give one fan the chance to win a brand new car. With over 1,000 tickets to choose from, Bobby Bearcat reached into a bag and pulled out Taryana

Jennings, ticket number.

"I couldn't believe it," Jennings said. "We were just sitting around talking, about how they weren't going to call my number."

However, in order to win the car she had to make a lay-up, a free throw, a three point shot and a shot from mid-court, all in 25 seconds. Jennings, never played basketball in her life she said, and failed to make the required shot to drive home a brand new car.

"This was the best year as far as fan participation," Henry said. "We filled up both sides of the gym pretty early in the night, and there were a lot of people standing around. By far it was the best turnout that I've seen in my five years."

FANS GO CRAZY for glow sticks in the opening minutes of Tuesday's Midnight Madness.

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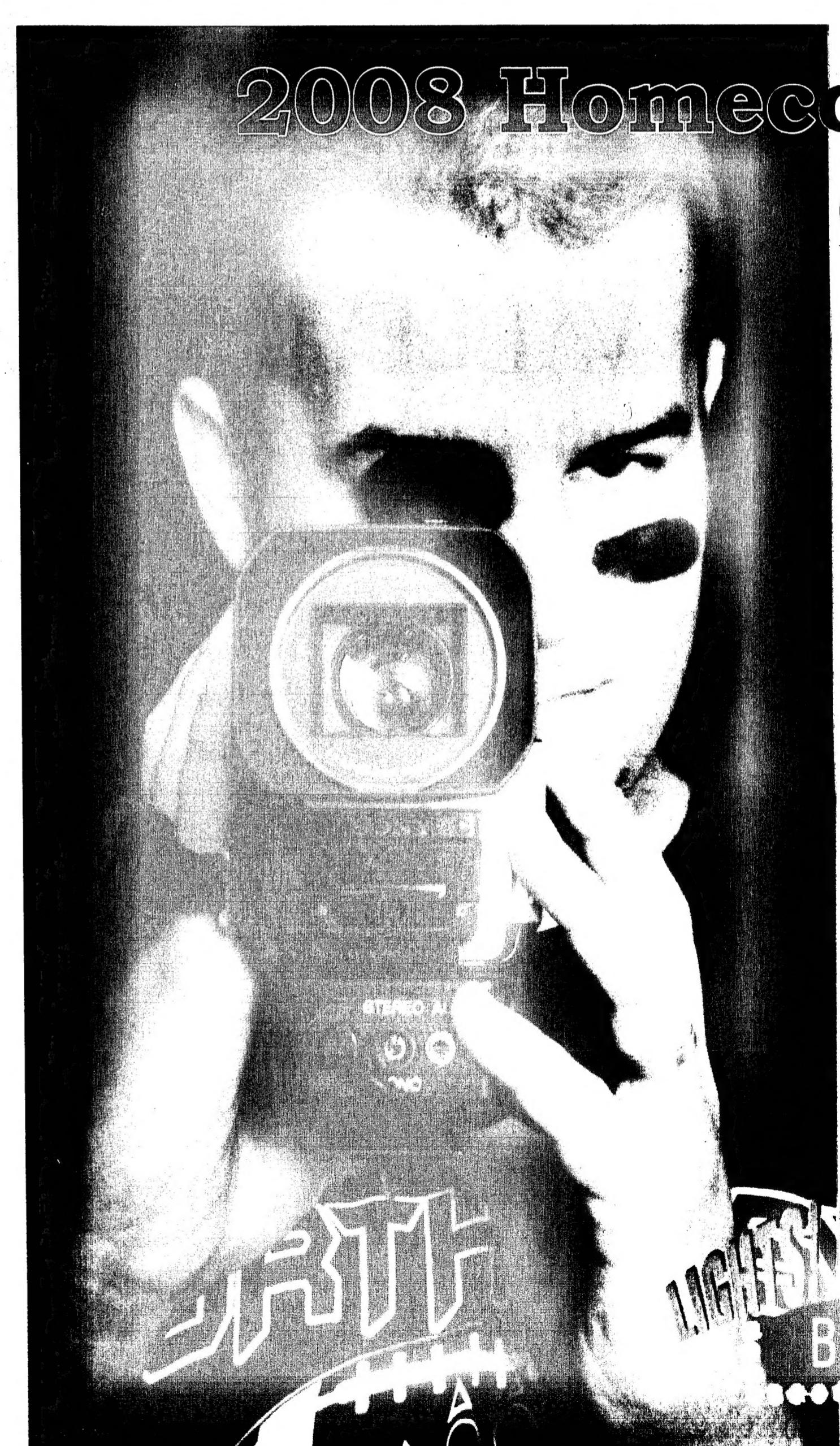
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# What Homecoming means to me ...

... by Dean Hubbard, president

Northwest is rich in traditions: Walkout Day, the Variety Show, The Old Hickory Stick, Bobby Bearcat, the Stroller, Family Day, the Kissing Bridge and of course, Homecoming. These traditions combine to reinforce the values that make Northwest so dear to the hearts of thousands of people. "Once a Bearcat, Always a Bearcat" is not just a trite slogan.

This will be my 25th Homecoming at Northwest. All of them have been fun—even the couple of times it snowed or rained! Two are particularly memorable.

My first Homecoming was in 1984. I was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Gaunt House watching the parade



when Joyce White walked up, introduced herself, and said "I understand you are interested in foreign languages."

My affirmative response triggered a detailed discussion of ways we could strengthen our foreign language offerings. I learned that Joyce graduated from Northwest with a degree in Spanish. In addition to spending a year in Argentina honing her language skills, she accompanied her husband, Harvey, to a plethora of countries where they established factories to manufacture hydraulic motors, which Harvey had invented in Maryville. Before she left, Joyce stuck something in my coat pocket. It

Even though we plan to retire next summer, you can bet we'll be back for Homecoming!

... by Irma Merrick, grand marshal

My memories of Northwest date way back to 1945 to 1949. At that time it was known as northwest State College. It is certainly a lot larger now than it was then. The boys had their dorms and the girls theirs. Residence halls were where the girls lived.

In spring of 1953 a gas tank explosion in the back of what is now Roberta Hall set the back on fire. Roberta Steel was very badly burned and died later. I was her sister's roommate, Carylon Steel, in 1948 to 1949. After she died they renamed the residence hall after Roberta which it is still known by.



which they both did graduate.

I have continued to be connected with the University as teacher until 1987 and then became a cashier for Armark for 20 years.

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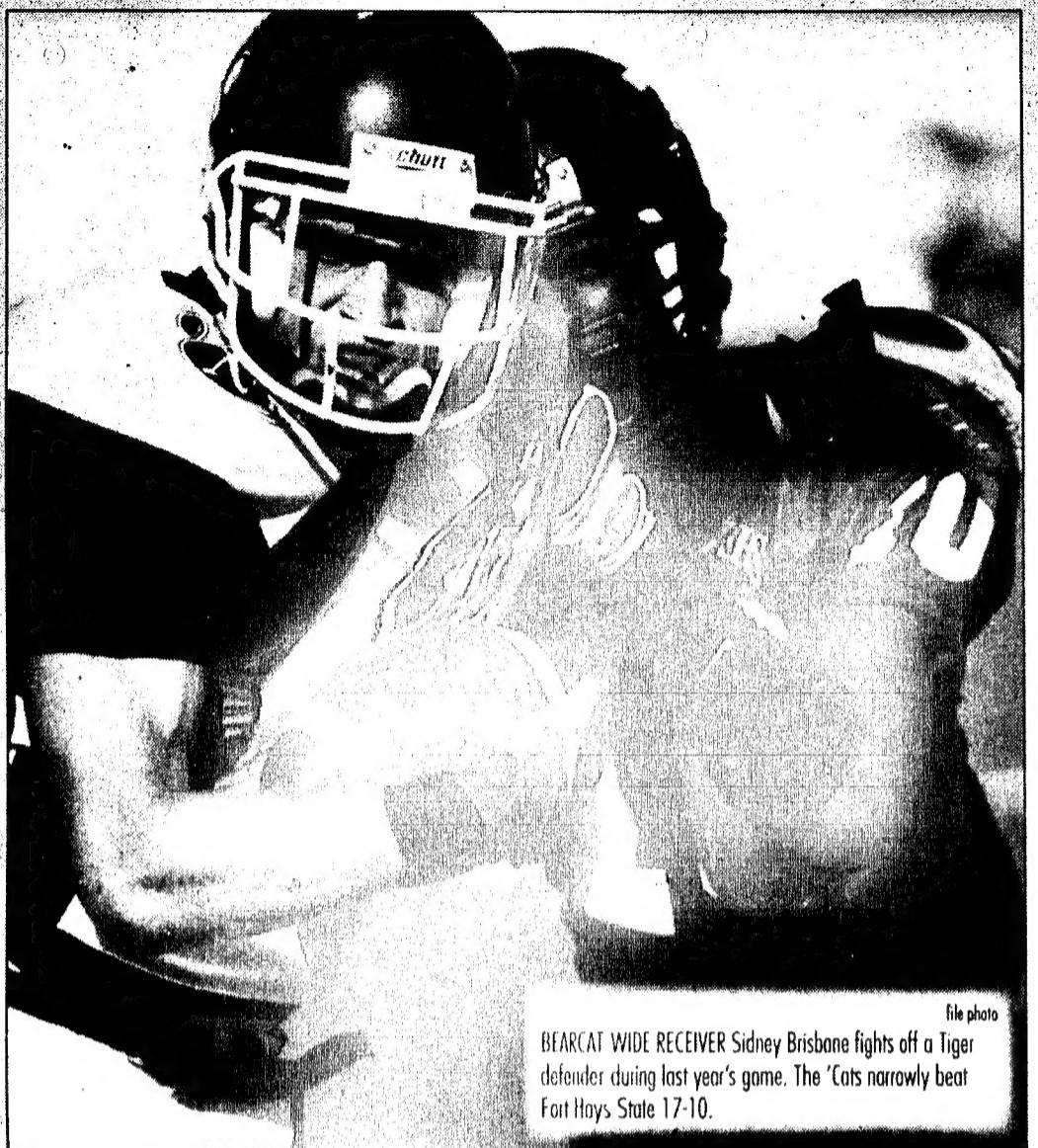
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# THE GAME



BEARCAT WIDE RECEIVER Sidney Brisbane fights off a Tiger defender during last year's game. The 'Cats narrowly beat Fort Hays State 17-10.

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By Marcus Meade  
Sports Editor

Who: Fort Hays State vs. Northwest  
When: 1:30 p.m. Saturday  
Where: Bearcat Stadium

## Three thoughts

1. The Bearcats need to see improvement from last week on the offensive end. Penalties, turnovers and an overall lack of continuity seemed to plague the team in Warrensburg. Most alarming was the play of the Northwest passing attack which gained only 200 yards, two sacks and an interception on a vulnerable Mule defense.

2. Can the 'Cat defense play as unbelievably well as it has the last four weeks? Probably. The Fort Hays offense is negative six in turnover margin and only averages 18 points per game. Compare that to the powerhouse offenses, like Nebraska-Omaha, Pittsburg State and Central Missouri, the 'Cats shut down over the last month, and it looks like Christmas has come early for the Northwest defense.

3. This shouldn't be much of a game. That's kind of the point of homecoming. Football teams schedule cupcake opponents, so they can make sure they don't lose. That said, Northwest had trouble with Fort Hays last season. Fort Hays did beat Washburn. If the 'Cats are ready, they should cruise, but crazier things have happened than a Fort Hays upset of the 'Cats. Off the top of my head I can't think of any, but I'm sure they've happened.

## Player Matchup

DT Tyler Roach vs.

RB Jacobb Irvin — Roach isn't the biggest Northwest defensive lineman, but he might be one of the toughest, playing through injury almost every week. The Tigers should spend most of their time running the ball since injuries and ineffectiveness have plagued their quarterback.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	FHSU	OPP
SCORING	126	154
Points Per Game	18.0	22.0
RUSHING YARDAGE	1181	735
Rushing Attempts	298	237
Average Per Rush	4.0	3.1
Average Per Game	168.7	105.0
TDs Rushing	8	6
PASSING YARDAGE	806	1175
Att Comp-Int	167-72-10	203-101-7
Average Per Game	115.1	167.9
TDs Passing	4	10

# Homecoming Schedule

## Thursday

4 p.m. - Soccer game Bearcat Pitch  
5 p.m. - Homecoming Buffet, J.W. Jones Student Union  
7 p.m. - Variety Show, Performing Arts Center  
9 p.m. - Royalty Crowning, Performing Arts Center  
10 p.m. - Hypnotist, Performing Arts Center  
All day - Homecoming Archive Display, Library  
All day - Penny Wars, J.W. Jones Student Union

## Friday

8:30 a.m. - Bell Ringing, Bell of '48  
9 a.m. - Golden Years Reunion, Alumni House  
11 a.m. - Homecoming Golf Classic, Mozingo  
Noon to 4 p.m. - Walk Out Day Celebration, Colden Pond  
2 p.m. - Flag Raising Ceremony, International Plaza  
6:30 p.m. - Hall of Fame Banquet, J.W. Jones Student Union  
7 p.m. - Variety Show, Performing Arts Center  
7 p.m. - Volleyball Game, Bearcat Arena  
All day - Homecoming Archive Display, Library  
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## Saturday

8 a.m. - Homecoming Welcome, Alumni House  
9 a.m. - Parade  
11 a.m. - Soccer Game, Bearcat Pitch  
11:30 a.m. - Bearcat Zone, College Park  
1:30 p.m. - Football Game, Bearcat Stadium  
All day - Homecoming Archive Display, Library

## Sunday

1 p.m. - Awards Ceremony, Charles Johnson Theater

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## Homecoming 2007: Snapshots

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BOBBY BEARCAT WAVES to spectators lined up on Fourth St. The parade this year begins at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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THE BEARCAT MARCHING band plays the Northwest fight song while marching down Fourth St.

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### PRESIDENT HUBBARD: 25 YEARS



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NORTHWEST PRESIDENT DEAN Hubbard hugs his mother after officially becoming the University's ninth president in late summer 1984. At the time, the state of Missouri was considering closing Northwest and converting the campus into a prison.

## The last Homecoming?

By Evan Young  
Editor in Chief

It was 1984.

Dean Hubbard had just been named Northwest's ninth president, selected out of a pool of 112 candidates and three finalists.

Preparations were underway for him to begin his new position Aug. 1. He'd announced his intentions to leave the presidency of Union College in Lincoln, Neb. and move his family to Maryville.

Then one day, Hubbard received a call from then-Missouri Higher Education Commissioner, Shaila Aery, who asked him to meet with her in Jefferson City, Mo.

"Before you move your family to Missouri, I feel obligated to have a conversation with you," Aery told him.

He obliged, and upon his arrival to her office, Aery "sent everybody out," closed the door and proceeded to deliver some stunning news.

"There is a move underfoot to close Northwest and convert it to a prison," she said.

Move to Maryville

Hubbard originally heard about Northwest through Ronald Roskens, former president of the University of Nebraska system. At the time Hubbard was president of the private Union College, and although he was interested in moving to a public institution, he was required to fulfill a 10-year agreement to work with Union's sponsor church, the Seventh-Day Adventists, which

had paid for his education at Stanford University.

Roskens knew how long Hubbard would be at Union, and when the 10-year agreement was up, he pitched the idea of moving to Northwest: "Here's the institution you ought to go to."

To Hubbard, it was. Besides the appeal of both the size of the campus and Maryville, he was impressed by the campus' strong "environment for computing." He said he could envision what would become the Electronic Campus even before he submitted his application.

"Totally out of the blue"

The meeting with Aery was the first time Hubbard had ever heard about the talks to close Northwest. So how serious were they? Very, said former Missouri Governor Roger Wilson.

At the time, Wilson was chair of the Missouri Senate's Higher Education Committee. Within that group a subcommittee had been formed to discuss closing schools that hadn't truly established themselves in their respective regions.

"It would be easy for some people to interpret this as a criticism of the people before me, and it is not. Bob Foster did a lot of great things at Northwest, undoubtedly, and so did B.D. Owens."

Twenty-five years later, with new, improved facilities and enrollment at record highs, it's hard to imagine the idea of closing Northwest even existed, Hubbard said.

Hubbard said Aery told him the option was on the table to move Northwest students to other state colleges and universities, includ-

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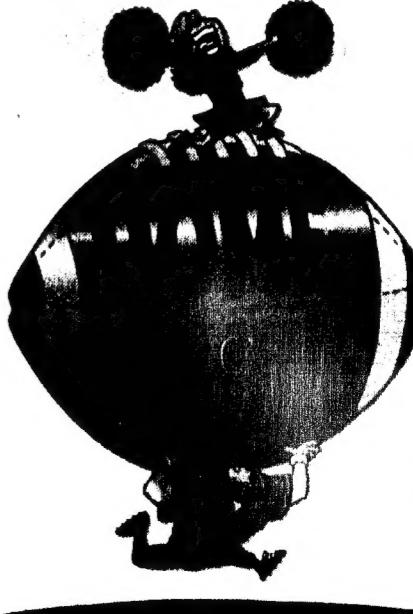
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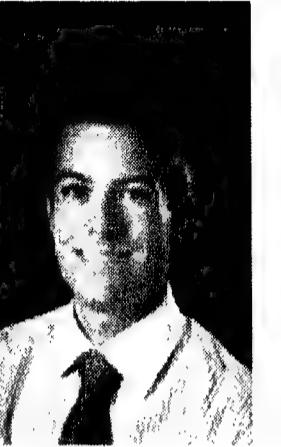
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# 2008 Homecoming royalty men

Most memorable Northwest moments



"Staying up (the) Friday night before (the parade) to finish last minute (float) details." -Nathan Manville



"When my fraternity won float and overall supremacy for the 2007 Homecoming." -Ryan Smith



"I would say that my favorite memories at Northwest are the times I can hang out with my good friends. I have made some lifelong friendships in my four years here and appreciate all of the fun times we have all had." -John Strohm



"(My fraternity doing) the teeter totter event for our philanthropy (Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City) ... in the past we've done 72 hours ... this year we are doing 100 (hours)." -Brent Ussary

# Ceremony turns 10



By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

Northwest will add three flags to represent new international students at the 10th anniversary of the International Flag Raising Ceremony.

Egypt, Panama and Portugal will be added to the plaza. There are 54 flags in all. The Intercultural and International Center hosts the Flag Raising Ceremony.

The Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza represents the American students and the students at Northwest from other countries on passport, International Affairs Director Jeff Foot said.

"What it says is that international students on campus are a part of this campus," Foot said. "It says they belong here."

The flags flying representing last year's students. The ceremony is held on Walkout Day at 2 p.m. tomorrow. It is in accordance with the Walkout Day Celebration takes place from noon to 4 p.m. on the Golden Hall pond next to the international plaza. It serves as a refreshment of the plaza for the new academic year, Foot said.

Not all flags that fly represent students. There are 11 sponsored flags at the plaza, Foot said. Protocol set by the sponsors of the plaza states there will be a maximum of 14 sponsored flags. The remaining 40 flags will represent students.

The Student Activities Council and Student Senate host Walkout Day.

"We're trying to make more of a fun student event that has a multicultural component for all the students," Foot said. "The event (the Walkout Day Celebration) has the potential to be a lasting event."

The ceremony is not just for something to do, it is also for the international students, Foot said.

"It is also a chance for international students to show how proud they are of their own country," Foot said.

This is the first year the University hosts a student from Panama, Foot said.

Edgar Peregrina decided to attend the University because Northwest cares about international students. He will raise his own country's flag in the ceremony.

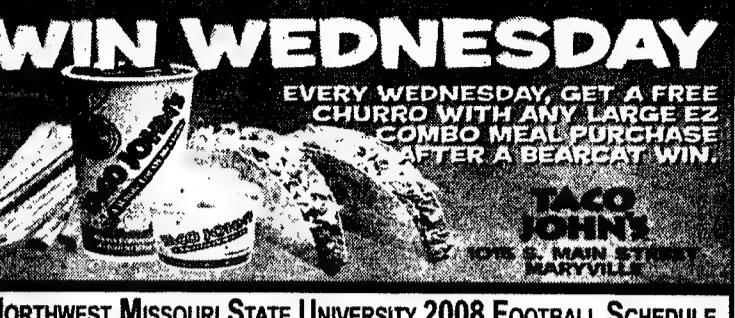
"It is a great honor to raise my own flag," Peregrina said. "I want people to know I'm here."

This is Peregrina's first experience outside of Panama. He is talking to his friends and they seem interested in attending the University.

"I hope we will have a group of people from Panama in the spring semester," Peregrina said. "I feel like I am opening a new door for my country." The Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza is not something all universities have, Foot said.

"There are some things that all universities have like a recreation center and library," Foot said. "Not all universities have an international flag plaza."

There will be drawing for two new iPod Nanos to the students who register before 2 p.m.



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### Why I Am Now a Democrat

Before beginning that discussion, I want to share with the voters my political philosophy and its evolution. I first took an interest in the political process as a youthful Goldwater Republican. My beliefs in liberty of conscience, limited government and fiscal responsibility remain the same. But as did the late Senator, I have come to see a greater role for government in meeting some needs of our society.

What I value most that I learned from Senator Goldwater is this: He believed that a candidate for public office should discuss issues and ideas, appealing to logic and reason rather than emotion; he trusted the intelligence of the voters to make the right decisions, and he thought the first duty of a candidate was to promote this type of political discourse. Those principles continue to guide me, as I believe they should all political candidates.

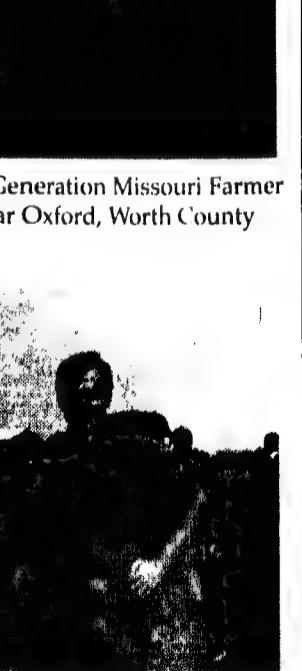
Ultimately I became a Democrat for the same reasons expressed by Jim Webb, a St. Joseph native who served in the Reagan defense department before his election to the Senate in 2006 as a Democrat. Explaining his change of parties, Webb cited his research for his history of the Scotch-Irish in America, *Born Fighting*, which led him to conclude: "The Democratic Party better represents the interests of the common man."

### Biographical Summary

A native of Maryville, I attended Horace Mann School and then Maryville High. I am a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and attended law school at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. As a non-combatant, I served 16 months in Southeast Asia as an army medic, including five months in Vietnam. Before returning to join our family farm operation in 1986, I was a partner in an oil production and development company. Presently I live in Green Township, and operate farms with my brother and mother in Atchison, Lincoln and Union townships. I believe my background and experience, together with my long-standing ties to the North District would make me an effective representative for its citizens.



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A NORTHWEST FOREIGN exchange student speaks during 2007's Flag Raising Ceremony at the Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza on campus. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event.

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# Homecoming Parade

Several campus lots will be closed to public Saturday

The 2008 Northwest Homecoming parade will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday on University Drive in front Roberta Hall and continue south to the main University entrance at Fourth Street before continuing east on Fourth. The parade will end at Fourth and Main. The intersections of Third and Main, Fifth and Main and Fourth and Market will be blocked to traffic.

The campus portions of University Drive, Seventh Street and Ninth Street will be closed be-

ginning at 5 a.m. Also closing at that time will be College Avenue (Fourth Street) from just west of the main campus entrance.

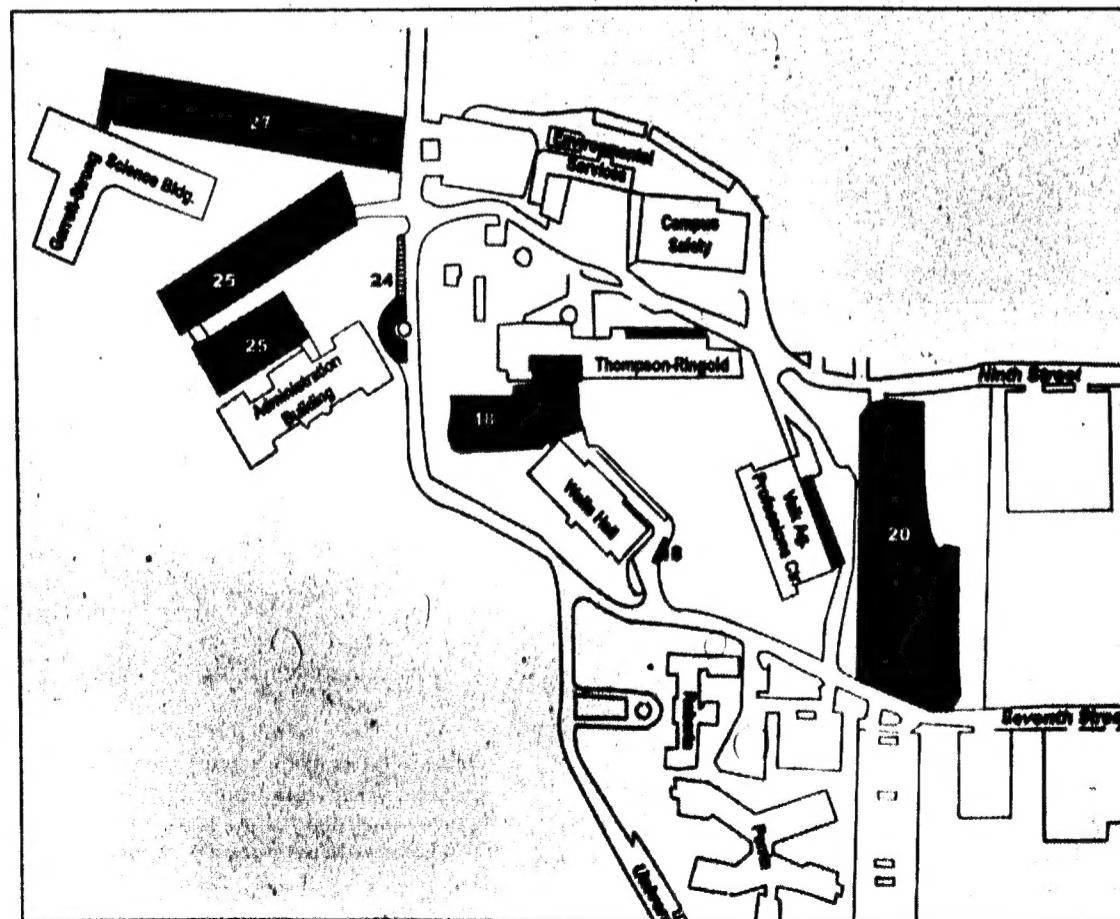
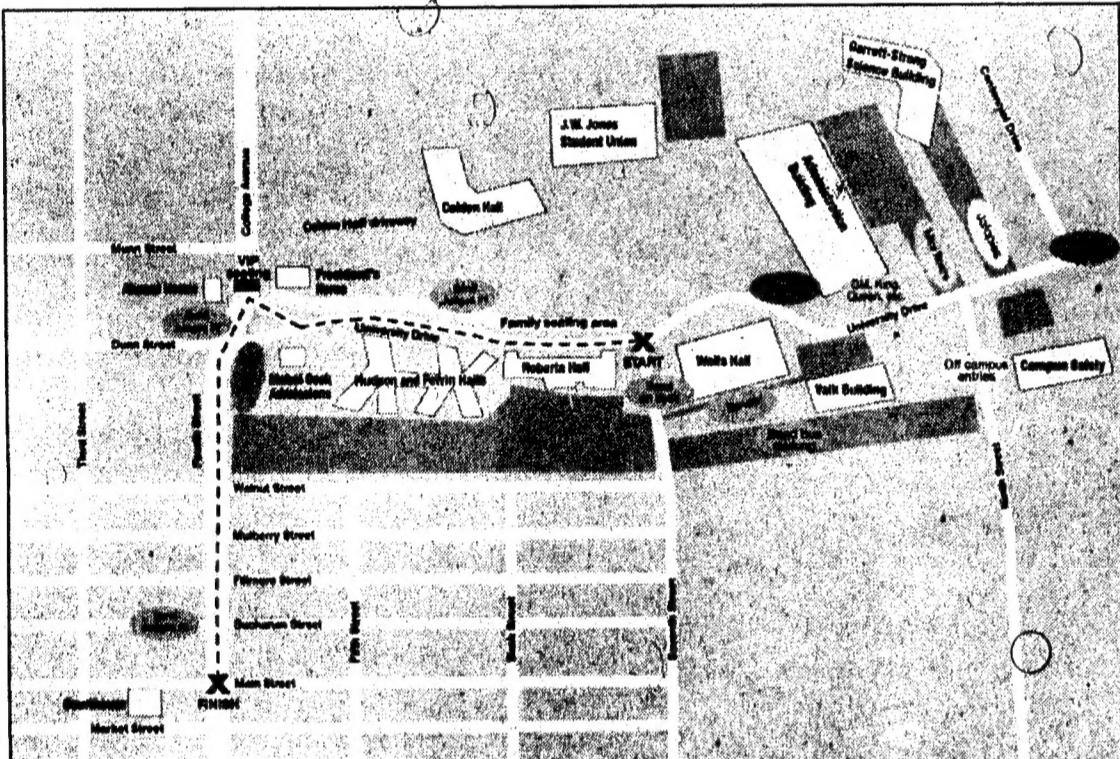
Campus parking lots in the vicinity of these streets will also close on Homecoming Day (lots 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27) and must be cleared of vehicles by 5 a.m. Vehicles left in these parking areas are subject to ticketing and towing.

The cleared lots will be used for various parade activities and as staging areas for floats. They

will re-open following the parade.

Students with residential parking permits parked in lots 9 and 10 behind Roberta, Hudson and Perrin halls do not need to move their vehicles. Students parked in Lot 20 behind the Valk Agricultural Professions Center must move their vehicles to lots 11 or 12 prior to 5 a.m. on Homecoming Day.

Anyone with questions or concerns should call Campus Safety at (660) 562-1254.



# Supremacy points and cash prizes

## Supremacy Points

Variety Show, 100 points

Float, 100 points

Clowns, 50 points each (paper mache, pomped and costume)

Mini Float, 50 points

Banner, 40 points

The points listed above are the total number of points (440 possible points) participating organization can receive. The judges are not required to give out the maximum number of points and there will be no curving of points. Each judge will have the opportunity to award the maximum number of points.

In each entry, the total score from all of the judges will be added up and then divided by the number of judges. The organization with the highest score automatically wins that competition and that is the total number of points the respective organization wins.

## Cash Prizes

### Variety Show

### Open Division

First Place	\$500.00
Second Place	\$450.00
Third Place	\$400.00

### Float

### Highly Competitive      Competitive

First Place	\$2500.00	\$900.00
Second Place	\$2100.00	\$750.00
Third Place	\$1700.00	\$590.00
Fourth Place	\$1400.00	

### Mini-Float

### Highly Competitive      Competitive

First Place	\$300.00	\$150.00
Second Place	\$200.00	\$100.00
Third Place	\$100.00	

### Clowns (each category)

### Highly Competitive      Competitive

First Place	\$50.00	\$50.00
Second Place	\$40.00	\$40.00
Third Place	\$30.00	\$30.00
Fourth Place	\$20.00	\$20.00

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### Highly Competitive

First Place	\$60.00
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### Banners

### Highly Competitive      Competitive

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Third Place	\$55.00	\$55.00
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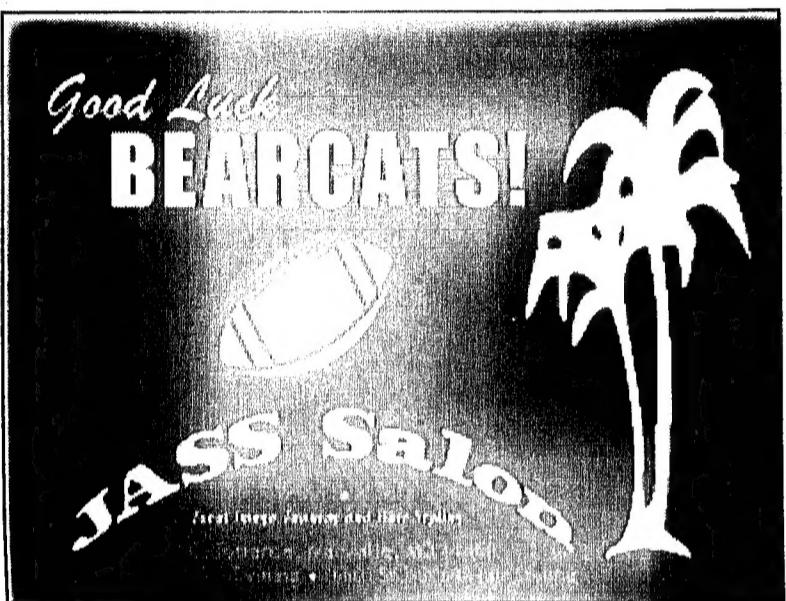
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# Variety Show Schedule

## Act One

- 'Pick Up the Fiddle' - The Heartland Hoedowners
- 'Halftime in Hollywood' - Alpha Sigma Alpha and Phi Sigma Kappa
- 'Kiss the Girl' and 'Be Our Guest' - The Barbershop Quartet
- 'Holly Heroics, 4th Edition: The Last Hope' - Fellowship of the Tower
- 'I'll Fly Away' - Jessi Harris and Nate Birkley
- 'The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow' - Phi Mu and Tau Kappa Epsilon

## Act Two

- 'Love Me Anyway' - Kyle Aaron and the Rocky Mountain Pub Crawl
- Bobby the Bearcat in 'Finding Barbara'** - Sigma Kappa and Phi Delta Theta
- 'Lover You Should've Come Over' - by Jeff Buckley Dan Rasmussen
- 'The Perfect Skit' - Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Kappa Lambda
- 'A Pirate's Life for Me' - Bearcat Steppers
- 'Star Wars: The Saga Retold' - Phi Mu Alpha

The Variety Show is Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5. The masters of ceremony are Dan Barnett and Dan Scheuler.



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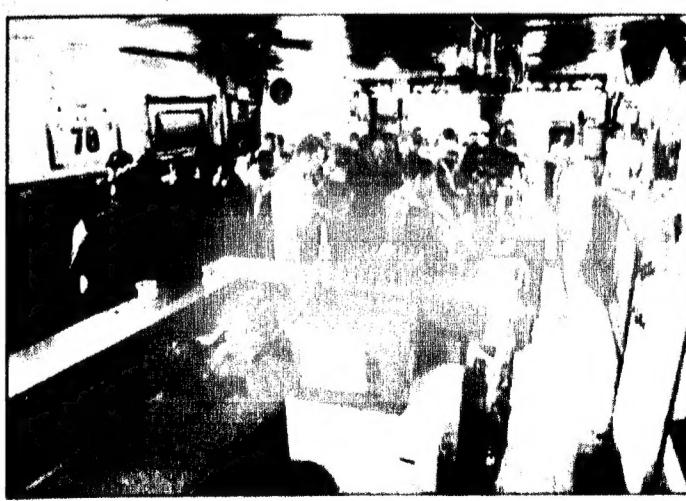
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## 2008 Homecoming royalty women

### Most memorable Northwest moments



"Last year when we had the ice storm, I lived in Roberta. Everyone woke up that morning to trees down everywhere. We all hung out in the hallways and in each other's rooms all day long-- it was so much fun!" -Amanda Davis



"My favorite Northwest memory was when we revealed our grand total from "Up til Dawn" (my sophomore year). I was honored to be a part of Northwest's first St. Jude exec board, and all the hard work, effort, time and stress paid off when we announced that we'd raised about \$59,000 to donate to St. Jude Research Hospital. That number put us in the top 20 universities in the nation, which for our first year as a campus organization was incredible. My sorority gave me the confidence to run for that position, and it was the best move I ever made!" -Megan Victor



"I have a lot of favorite memories since attending Northwest. Some include assisting with FFA Agricultural Contests, working on the Homecoming float, and even the Up Til' Dawn program when our agricultural instructor jumped in the FREEZING Colden Pond during the winter last year. However, I believe the most challenging but yet rewarding activity that I am participating in would have to be being a Freshmen Peer Mentor." -Megan Schmidt



"My most memorable experience from Northwest was 2007 fall finals week/the ice storm. Though my house was out of power for 8 days, I actually had a lot of fun bonding with people as trees collapsed and power lines fell around us. The fun extended into a road trip to Alabama for the National Championship game where so many fans drove all the way down to support the team and continue our tradition of incredible school spirit!" -Kelsey Luers



"My favorite Northwest memory is bundling up for the playoffs game against Grand Valley last year. It was so amazing to watch our team beat them on our field after two years of being second to them in the country. I remember running onto the field and helping tear down the goal posts and then trying to shove it into Colden Pond which was frozen!" -Megan Walker

\*royalty men on B8

## Groups put in money, hours for 'pomping'

Katie Luers  
Chief Reporter

Thousands upon thousands of pomps will cover the floats in the Homecoming Parade this Saturday.

The Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) float alone will feature hundreds of thousands of pomps.

The designs become intricate with more detailed method called "pencil pomping." In "pencil pomping," the paper is folded in half and then rolled over a pencil before being placed in the wire, she said.

ASA and TKE began work on the float late this summer. The TKE members helped to build the float structure two weeks before school started. Decorating began after recruitment was over, Estes said.

The "pomping" process

takes most of the time. It's similar to origami, she said.

Each piece of paper folds into a cone shape and the pointed end is placed into the chicken-wire structure and glued down. Two different-colored pieces of paper can be folded together for different effects, Estes said.

Not all groups have the time or manpower to dedicate to the project of a large float.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) designed a float in last year's parade. This year however, the Special Events Committee decided to take a different route to participate, committee sponsor Kora Jackson said.

"This year all our efforts will be put forth into the competitions in which RHA is participating," Jackson said.

The competitions include the banner, canned art and jalopy competitions, she said.

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